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Lewis County: Boil water advisory issued for Mossyrock residents

OLYMPIA — Mossyrock residents are advised to boil their drinking water following a water main break this morning. The advisory affects about 1,500 customers.

The break occurred in the downtown area of the rural Lewis County community, causing most of the residents and businesses to lose water or water pressure. City public works crews are repairing the break and flushing the water lines. Residents should boil their tap water once their water pressure is restored. Loss of water pressure increases the risk that contaminated water could get into the system.

Residents should use boiled or bottled water for drinking, brushing teeth, washing dishes, preparing food, and making ice. To kill bacteria that may be present, water should be boiled for one minute and allowed to cool before use.

The Lewis County Health Department is working with food service establishments on safety precautions during the advisory.

Public works staff will collect water samples and test them for bacterial contamination. The boil-water advisory will remain in effect until the state Department of Health determines that the water meets safe drinking water standards.

Customers can call the Mossyrock Public Works Department at 360-983-3300 for information.

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